

a controller which controls a carrier transport unit to transport the recording carrier upon receipt of a test signal to a predetermined position with respect to at least one of the test equipments before [the] a testing [step] is initiated; and

the optical image test equipment and the magnetic test equipment being located in a stand-alone box separate from the printing device.

21. (amended) A printing line, comprising:

a printing device for printing at least one of optical and magnetic information onto a continuous web-shape recording carrier, the information being provided as a data stream from an electronic data source, the carrier comprising at least one of an optical recording zone and a magnetic recording zone;

an optical image test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to inspect print quality or to recognize printed contents of a document;

a magnetic test equipment for inspection located in line with the printing line and adapted to detect magnetic information printed on the recording carrier;

a controller which controls a carrier transport unit to transport the recording carrier upon receipt of a test signal to a predetermined position with respect to at least one of the test equipments before [the] a testing [step] is initiated; and

the optical image test equipment comprises a bar code scanner and a CCD camera and the magnetic test equipment comprise a magnetic image character reader.